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Student mural at Home Hardware
Read about the new mural at Haliburton Home Hardware painted by HHSS students on page 3.

A day to celebrate books
See what local writers will be doing to celebrate Canadian Independent Bookstore Day on page 4.

Speakers' evening with FoRT
Read about the Friends of the Rail Trail's upcoming evening event on page 5.

Fun was had by all at Camp Medeba's indoor rock climbing on Sunday, April 16. No pre-registration is required for this drop in event each Sunday, and the cost to climb is $15 per person. Indoor shoes are needed and children under 14 must be supervised. /TIM YANO Special to *County Life*

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Celebrating the Friends of the Library

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The Friends of the Library hosted a book sale in July 2022. /Photo by Chris Stephenson

One of the great pleasures of my time as a librarian has been observing the many ways people in every community come together to support their public library. This takes many forms, and residents are often not aware that just visiting a library or becoming a member is a simple but key way to support your local branch. Patrons and visitors help make Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) busy and vibrant, and they help us shape services and programs by expressing their needs, their interests, and by showing up in-person and online. We also partner with local agencies and organizations to collaborate and share expertise to offer more of what may be needed. As a result, library service changes with the times.

But there is one special group of supporters that some libraries are lucky to have. They work behind the scenes, tirelessly and with ongoing commitment, to help fundraise for library initiatives and purchases. They volunteer their time, energy, and enthusiasm for their local public library by advocating for us and planning featured events such as book sales to raise money. The group I'm speaking about is the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library. And the reason I'm bringing them up today is that 2023 is a special year for our Friends – On Apr. 7 they celebrated their 20th anniversary. This is an incredible milestone for these active library volunteers who have made such a contribution and a difference to HCPL over the years. Since 2003 when the Friends were formed, they have raised tens of thousands of dollars from gala events, seasonal book sales, and operating the Book Nook inside Minden branch as well as book sale shelves and carts in each of our branches.

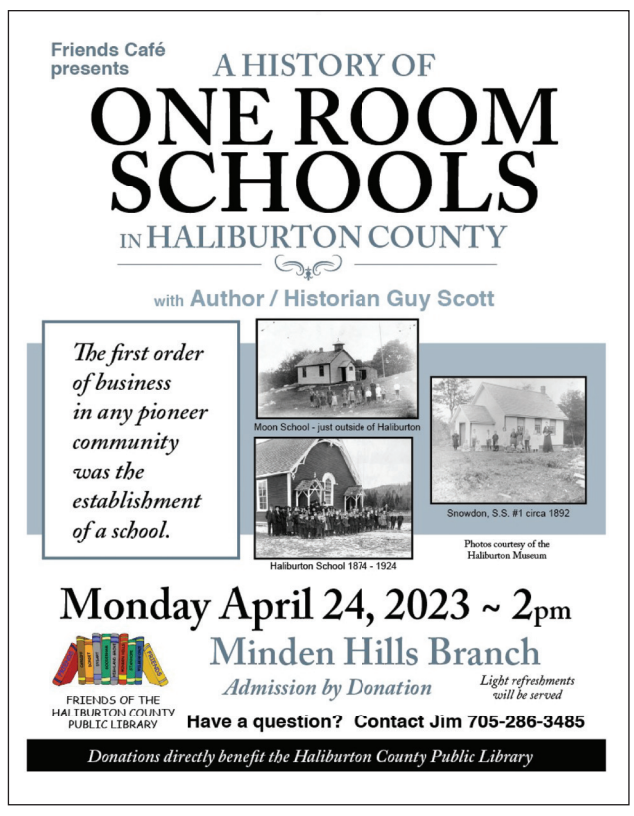
Members of the Friends were there when we broke ground for the new Minden branch and when it opened in October 2009. They were there for the opening of the new Dysart branch in November 2009, and then again for the launch of the Wilberforce location in June 2014. Through it all and for two decades, the Friends have consistently supported HCPL with funds for furnishing, bookshelves, unique book collections, tech devices and learning kits for all ages, special computers for our youngest patrons to support learning, and much, much more.

Each winter, the Friends have helped us purchase multiple copies of the Evergreen Award nominee books we feature in every branch. One of their great legacies is that they've made possible the purchase of regular book club sets, which circulate frequently and support dozens of book clubs across Haliburton County. This year, the Friends are helping the library purchase new radon screening detectors, instruments for the HCPL ukulele club, and they're funding prizes for our recent bookmark contest.

It's delightful to see the Friends in action at our library branches and representing themselves around the community at events such as Bookapalooza in September. They come rain or shine all year round to sort, organize, and move books around, and their energy is noticed by all our staff. Especially on book sale days and when they organize interesting speaking engagements. Despite challenges with the pandemic, the Friends ran a successful virtual café event featuring a conversation with Canadian figure-skater, Kurt Browning. Currently in the works, the Friends are organizing an in-person café with local author and historian, Guy Scott. On Monday, Apr. 24 at 2 p.m., a conversation about the history of one room schoolhouses in the County will take place at the Minden Hills library branch. It's admission by donation and light refreshments will be served.

And let me tell you, their donations are well-spent in every case. As well as their day-to-day operations and offering memberships to support their organization, the Friends have an executive council and run regular board meetings, keep minutes, and oversee their finances. I'm fortunate to attend these meetings myself, to update their directors on the latest and greatest happening at the library, but also to make presentations for things we identify we need or would like to invest in throughout the year. The Friends ask good questions, thoughtfully deliberate and discuss plans, and they make decisions about what projects they wish to support.

The ongoing relationship between the Friends and the library board and staff at all branches of the Haliburton County Public Library is remarkable and important. With all they do, the Friends and all their volunteers contribute to the betterment of our public libraries in each of our municipalities. Through their work they also directly support Canadian authors and local bookstores, and actively help to promote our initiatives and our County library system. They're still going strong, but this is a great time in their history to stop and marvel at the Friends' 20 years of service milestone this season. And time for me to thank them, too. On behalf of myself, the library board and the staff at HCPL, on behalf of our patrons and seasonal visitors, and book clubs everywhere: a sincere thank you to all directors and volunteers of the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library.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A mural of Ritchie Falls painted by Grade 11 HHSS students now hangs in the front entrance of Haliburton Home Hardware. /Submitted

HHSS students make their mark

VIVIAN COLLINGS
County Life Staff

The picturesque mural of Ritchie Falls canvasing the wall of the entrance at Haliburton Home Hardware is all thanks to a few students from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

With the guidance of local painter Wendy Wood, a Grade 11 art class spent a couple of months learning to mix colours and practiced landscape painting before presenting Home Hardware with the finished piece.

"The owner envisioned a mural that he hoped would be done by high school students. It totally opened the door, and I just went straight to Wendy Wood, and everything fell into place," said Kevin Dunlop, paint department supervisor at Haliburton Home Hardware.

From there, Karen Gervais, department head of arts at HHSS, was contacted, and students got to work with Wood's help.

Each student started with a small-scale version of the painting.

"It got everyone familiar with the area. I provided the photos, and we did sketches," Wood said. "From that, I had done a sketch to start with, and they transferred the sketch onto the board. From there, we moved it into the back room of the art room, and it probably took about two months to complete."

Ritchie Falls was the subject matter for the painting because it was a familiar place to both Wood and the students.

The mural is painted on wood panels with acrylic paint, both provided by Home Hardware.

Three students said mixing colours was one of the biggest learning points for them during the process.

"It was very educational. She taught me a lot. With mixing paint, I never would have thought to add blues, and reds, and greens all together," said Kamryn Holden.

Veronica Beynon said she now uses techniques from the project in her own personal art.

"It was a lot of fun, especially with the opportunity to have a piece of work out in the community," the Grade 11 student said.

Students work on the mural under the guidance of Wendy Wood. /Submitted

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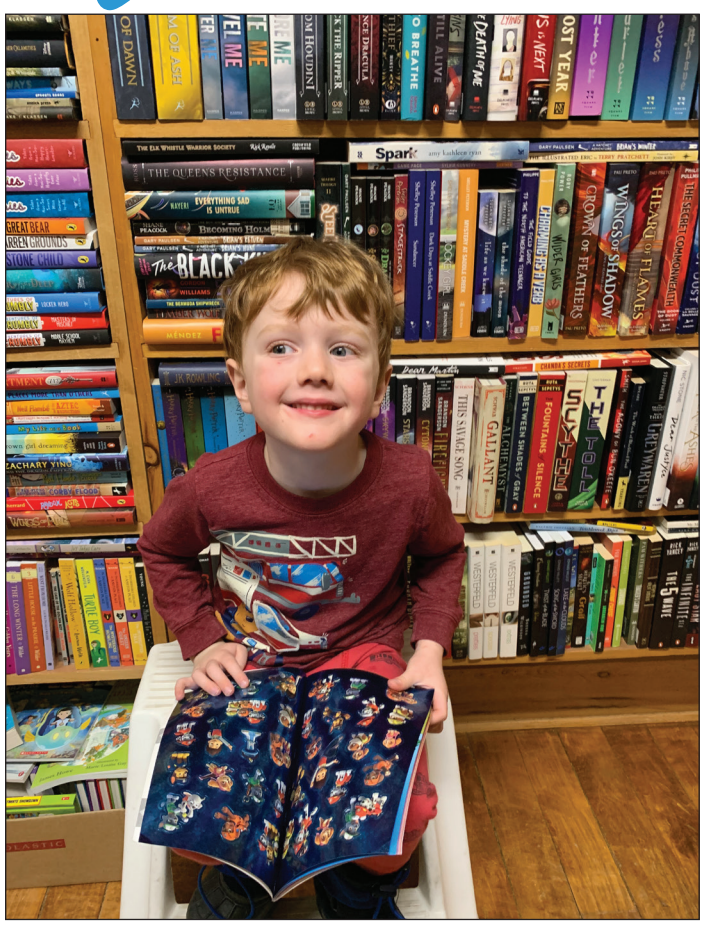

Canadian Independent Bookstore Day is being celebrated at Master's Bookstore in Haliburton on Saturday, April 29 with a chance to meet local authors. /Photos by Janet Trull

Canadian Independent Bookstore Day is the annual day when readers, writers, illustrators and publishers come together to celebrate indie bookstores across Canada. Here in Haliburton, we are are lucky to have Master's Bookstore, owned and operated by Kathy Stouffer for over thirty years. Her extensive inventory is stacked to the ceiling with international best-sellers, Canadian literature, and children's books. Kathy maintains this welcoming space for readers, and she generously supports local authors and poets by featuring their novels, memoirs and poetry collections.

If you are passionate about reading, put Saturday, Apr. 29 on your calendar. Plan on coming to Master's Bookstore at 195 Highland Street, Haliburton between 1 to 3 p.m. Local authors are planning some fun activities.

- A snack table to lure friends and family inside the front door.
- A chance to meet local authors. Interviews! Readings! Signings! Anything is possible.
- Brainstorm! Participate as we write the introductory chapter to the next great Haliburton novel. We need your inspiration!
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Spokes & species

Cycling and nature go together like enjoying a social evening with friends. This is the idea behind a speakers' evening hosted by Friends of the Rail Trail (FoRT) at the Haliburton Legion Clubroom Wednesday, Apr. 26. Spokes & Species starts at 7 p.m. with a presentation by Brendan Matheson from Tourism Simcoe County about that destination's growing success in attracting cycling tourism. Brendan brings youthful enthusiasm to inspire a Haliburton audience. We have many of the same raw ingredients that went into their cycling tourism strategy: rail trail and gravel riding, mountain biking trails and road routes. Brendan's "baby" he says, is the Simcoe County Loop Trail, 160 km (mainly) rail trail route supported by officially designated cycle-friendly accommodations. "The route can be ridden as a bikepacking adventure, or with the support of a guided tour operator offering comfortable hotels, shuttle service and luggage transfer."

Intermission will feature a time for socializing with a cash bar and door prizes. Chair of Friends of the Rail Trail (FoRT), Pamela Marsales, says that "connecting with community is at the heart of the non-profit organization, and these social get-togethers help build community. "

In the second half, Cara Steele will present a success story also growing out of gravel closer to home. Cara is the Ecology Specialist at Abbey Gardens tasked with re-wilding a gravel pit.

"At Abbey Gardens, we recognize the importance of biodiversity in nature; we bring it into our garden spaces. We're greening spaces and encouraging sustainable use of our property."

All together Spokes & Species will explore exciting ways to repurpose past industry – railways and quarrying operations – into vibrant places for people and wildlife.

Cycling one of the rail trails in the Loop, Brendan Matheson of Tourism Simcoe County who developed the 160 km County Loop Tour will be a guest speaker at FoRT's Spokes & Species evening, Wednesday April 26 at Haliburton Legion. /Photo by Ontario Tourism

FoRT welcomes all. Admission is by donation. Call or text Pamela at 705-457-4767 to reserve. Spokes & Species starts at 7 p.m., Wednesday April 26 in the Clubroom (lower level) at Haliburton Legion. Find Friends of the Rail Trail Haliburton on Facebook.

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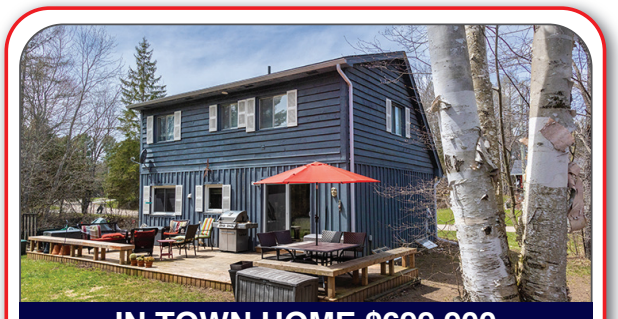

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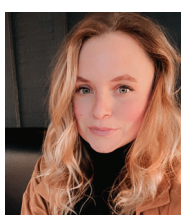
Old school

"COME BUY a concert ticket like it's 1965," shared one of my favourite musicians, Maggie Rogers, on an Instagram reel this week.

Rogers was referencing ticket sales for her upcoming tour, and how this time around, she opted to do something a bit different. "Over the last few months, there's been a lot of conversation about how intense ticketing fees are, how insane bot activity is, how tough it is to just get tickets into the hands of fans," shared Rogers in the post. "A lot of people, including me, are frustrated and concerned and I've been thinking about a way to sort of give people another option. So we're going old school."



EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Staff

Old school means real life, paper tickets; bought and sold in a brick and mortar store.

Apparently, this "inside the store" concept is an "outside the box" idea.

Ticketmaster has hit the news fairly steadily over the past few months, with the tipping point being the great and mighty tour of Taylor Swift. Earlier this year, the online ticket sales platform quite literally crashed and burned when Swift announced her upcoming international tour. With elevated prices, bots buying up slews of seats, and website traffic at an all-time high, the "Swifties" didn't hold back on their disdain of the site.

The issue ballooned so quickly that it wasn't long before Ticketmaster and its parent company, Live Nation, were taken to court in a class-action lawsuit. Point of the story: don't anger the T. Swift fans.

With the ongoing backlash against online ticket platforms, it has forced artists to try to come up with new ideas to get bums in seats at their concerts.

So, when in doubt, it's time to go back to basics; the in-person, face-to-face ticket stub from your local record shop.

Like many things, ticket sales seem to be circling back to a simpler time. I have watched as record sales have steadily increased, year over year in recent history. I've watched how people are logging out of social media because they are feeling the emotional toll of constant comparisons. I've watched as folks take to the natural world; learning about living off the land and supporting your family and well-being by using the natural substances around you.

I even heard one young person on TikTok share how they had an idea to get a phone that was "attached to your house" and you never had to feel the pressure of being tethered to your cell phone. I hate to break it to that specific Gen Z'er, but that's called a "landline", and it was all the rage when I was growing up. Unless someone picked it up and broke my dial-up internet connection while I was chatting on MSN with my highschool crush. Maybe we could do without that part…

Technology was designed to make life easier, but so often, it hinders us. Now don't get me wrong, I am fully in support of modern medical advances, opportunities to connect to anyone around the world, and a cornucopia of other advances that modern technology has ascertained.

But there's something powerful about the simplicity of basic human interactions.

Talking to people. Having a physical ticket stub. Making the effort to get off your couch to go purchase something that's really special to you.

In this sense, Haliburton County is both late to the game whilst simultaneously being ahead of the game. Local concerts are promoted at businesses across the region, with tickets available at partnering stores. Selling tickets through local businesses isn't just good for the ticket purchasers, it also offers an opportunity for shop-owners to highlight their goods and services. It's a win-win, for everyone.

Because music isn't supposed to be about buzzing in an online waiting room while you wear sweatpants and swipe out the credit card you're about to max out.

It's supposed to be about the soul, the character, the passion of the musicians, the artists, the fans. And you can't put a price on that.

It's time to get back to basics, and kick it old-school.

Top 10 signs that it is time to start wearing shorts

We have now entered that awkward time of year when we all wonder whether it is still too early to put on a pair of shorts. This is never an easy decision for those of us who are fashion conscious. But here are 10 clues that it just might be time.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. When the water level gets to the bottom of your pant cuffs.
2. When you take off your pants off in a dark room and your partner asks you to turn off the lights.
3. When people start wondering about the sweat dripping down your pant legs.
4. When knobby knees finally become trendy.
5. After that weed eater mishap with your favourite pair of pants.
6. After your on-line lederhosen purchase arrives.
7. When you have finally braided your leg hair to your liking.
8. Once your matching snake tattoos are finally complete.
9. When you finally realize you are not on a nude beach.
10. After you get promoted to the grape stomping department at the winery.

Capture

Sun bursting through billows of clouds,
silvering ripples of River, flowing below,
Air, kissed by mist, threading through my Breath, drenching the branches of my lungs,
quenching their thirst for Spring.
The roar of waterfall, rushing through my veins, as I stand on the edge of a dock,
the River, reaching up, lapping at my feet.
I peer into the avalanche of water, surging over the rocks, its wildness, quieting my thoughts,
the down rush, awakening within me, an urge to feel and listen, deeper,
to counterpoint the rage of the waterfall, with a stillness, as the River roils around me.
I glance over at the others, standing on the dock,
riveted by the mass of white water, hurling over the rocks,
some, taking photographs of the frothing water, trying to capture the feeling of its unbridled fury,
freezing the moment a droplet of water is devoured by the deluge.
I wonder whether I can capture this moment, without a camera or phone,
when my body and mind want to remember the feeling of standing here, on the edge of the dock,
the River, so swollen, it licks my toes, the spray of water, misting my face,
Sun beating down on the nape of my neck, the first time in a long time, my flesh feels its heat,
the roar of water, coursing through me, rooting my feet to the planks of the dock, reluctant to leave,
mesmerized by the endless rush of water, billowing like clouds, drifting across Sky.
I peer a bit further down the River, its current, calmer than here, diamond light dancing across its skin,
clumps of white froth floating along the River's edge, remnants of waterfall, after its roar.
For a long while, I stand here, feeling Sun and listening to the force of the water,
wondering whether it still surges when Sky sleeps, tumbling through the landscape of my dream,
its fury, frozen, by my awakening, morning Air pouring through the window,
invigorating my body and mind,
a speck of my soul, still out there, flitting in the mist, between droplets of waterfall,
trying to capture what's left behind.

Sylvie Kalenda

Suddenly

Morning brings a different bird
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Must be bugs now for it
To a frozen world, so long
Surface ice all indigo
It sinks to fade away
Loons find wider stretches
Beyond current, beyond bay
Someone saw a turtle
Stretching neck to cross a road
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A spring forest on a sunny day. /Submitted by Tammy Nash

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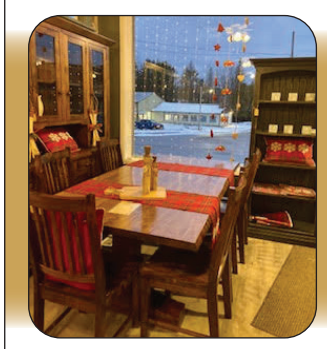
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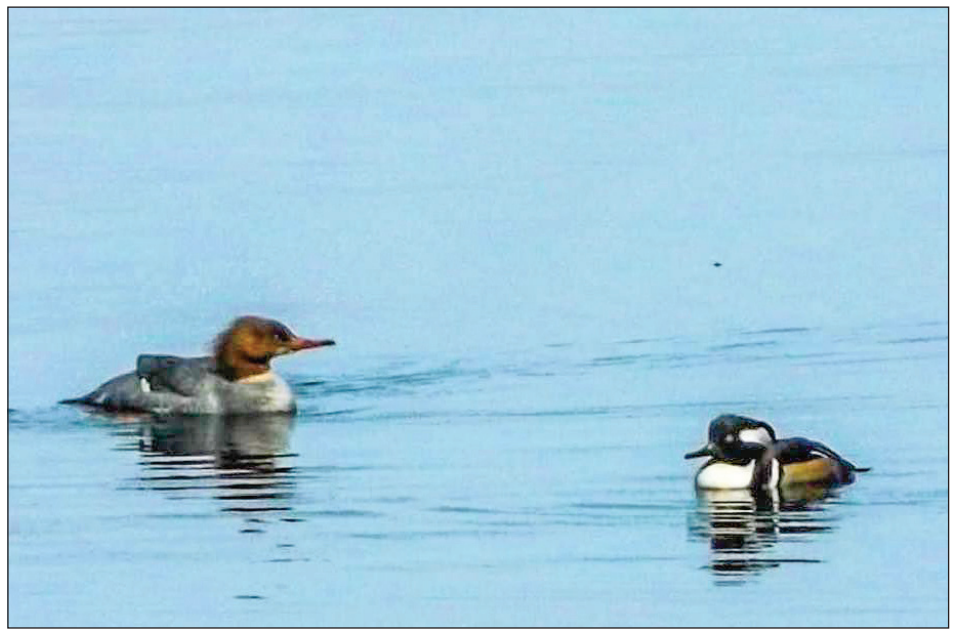
A Hairy woodpecker clings to a tree on a spring day. /Submitted by Tammy Nash



A female and male Hooded merganser swim around near Kashagawigamog Lake. /Submitted by Jill Moulton

A grackle ruffles its feathers. /Submitted by Jill Moulton

Composting

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Composter

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50% "green" materials

- Raw fruit and vegetables
- Coffee grounds and filters, tea bags
- Egg shells
- Fresh (green) yard clippings, plants, leaves

50% "brown" materials

- Dry leaves and plants
- Dry sticks (broken up)
- Hair and fur

Add materials, alternating between "green" and "brown" layers.

Turn the pile with a shovel to add air.

The pile should be as damp as a wrung-out sponge.

Digester

Digesters promote decomposition without air. Micro-organisms breakdown organic waste and it leaches into the ground, feeding plants that surround it. Digesters are considered more bear-proof.

- Cooked food
- Baked goods
- Coffee grounds and filters, tea bags
- Dairy
- Eggs and egg shells
- Green yard clippings, plants, leaves
- Meat and bones
- Raw fruit and vegetables

Place the digester over a 1 meter (3 foot) hole. Install the digester and then start adding kitchen waste.

Limit meat/bone/fish for the first four to six weeks until the digester is established.

Digesters do NOT produce compost/humus.

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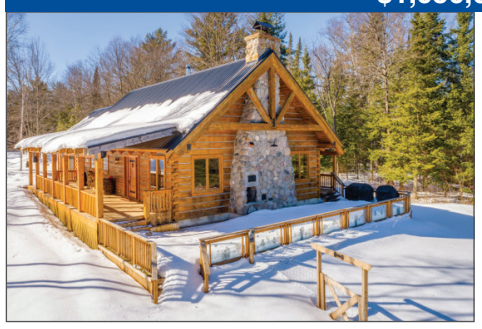

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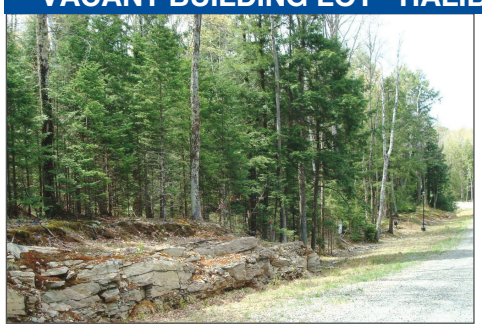

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Horseshoe Lake Rd $674,900

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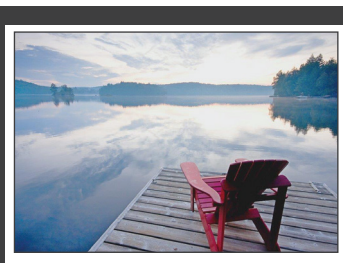
- Situated on 3 acres with ample privacy
- Walkout basement-potential for in law suite
- 5 min to public access-Horseshoe Lake



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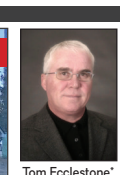

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Minden Home $385,000

- 2 Beds / 1 Bath, 700+ Sq Ft
- New flooring, Siding, Electrical & Kitchen + bath
- Zoning Commercial and Residential
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- Main floor primary bedroom & ensuite
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Beech Lake $699,000

- Open concept 3-season cottage w/ 4 beds
- Oversized 1 car-garage & updated bunkie
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West Lake $529,900

- 253ft of shoreline, Hard-packed sand beach
- Nicely level property, gentle slope to the lake
- Sunny Southeast exposure & great privacy
- Approximately 15 mins to Haliburton Village

Ashley McKeigue
705- 854-1833

Oblong Lake $599,000

- 0.9-acre parcel with north-western exposure
- Over 700 feet of clean, sand & rock frontage
- Driveway installed & building site partially cleared
- Part of a 2-lake chain with premium Haliburton Lake

Brandon Nimigon***
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County Rd 21 $155,000

- 2.34 Acre Lot Close To Town!
- 529ft of Frtg, Mins from Schools & Amenities
- Public Beaches and Boat Launch Nearby
- Build a Country Home w/ Walkout Basement

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Loop Road $575,000

- 5 Beds / 3 Bath Home on 10+ Acres!
- Many Recent Upgrades, Attached Garage
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- Public Beach & Amenities Minutes Away

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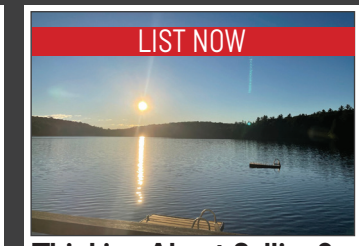
Sunnyside St $849,000

- New 1500+ sq ft 3 bed + 2 bath bungalow
- Double attached garage, full basement, Tarion warranty
- Quiet neighbourhood close to Haliburton



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- Beautiful Mixture of Pine & Maple Trees
- Public Access to Basshaunt Lake Close By
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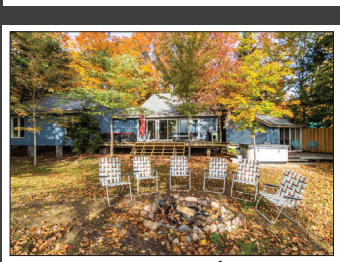

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Haliburton Lake $1,199,900

- 3 Beds / 2 Baths, 1300+ sqft
- Southeastern Exposure, 100' of Frtg
- Large Bunkie w/ Infrared Sauna
- 20 Mins to Haliburton, 10 Mins to Fort Irwin

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Bethel Road $549,000

- Incredible 194-acre parcel just mins from Minden
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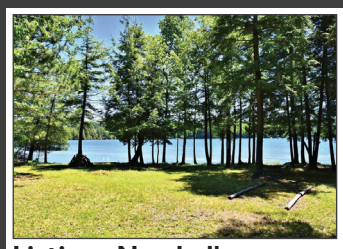
- Trails throughout to explore, teaming with wildlife



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A squirrel chews on a snack. /Submitted by Tammy Nash

A Tree sparrow perches on a branch. /Submitted by Jill Moulton

Community Events

Send your event listing to classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

Jr NBA

When: April 11 to May 31
Where: Archie Stouffer Elementary and Haliburton High
Local volunteers and Basketball Canada have teamed up to bring a curriculum-based youth basketball program to the county! Visit www.haliburtonbasketball.com for information.

Exhibition "Library of Dresses": Michelle Karch-Ackerman with Tanya Zaryski

When: April 15 to end of June
Where: Rails End Gallery, 23 York St, Haliburton
Karch - Ackerman's "Library of Dresses" pairs with Zaryski's Rewilding paintings in a magic and wonder filled exhibition that honours creative play and intuition and joy in an approach to making. Contact: 705-457-2330 www.railsendgallery.com

Haliburton County Historical Society

When: Thursday Apr. 20
Where: Haliburton Museum, 66 Museum Rd,
Join the Haliburton County Historical Society and guest speaker Dan Smith of the Haliburton Fish Hatchery to learn about the 18-month journey of the Haliburton Gold. Light refreshments will be served.

Small Glories

When: Apr. 22, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion
This multi award winning duo brings to the stage folk-pop melody and instrumentation - songs of love, loss, and environment, delivered with soaring, interwoven vocals on various combinations of stomping clawhammer banjo, guitar and harmonica. Contact: Don Gage 705 286-5085, info@ haliburtonfolk.com www.haliburtonfolk.com

Environment Haliburton: De-Mystifying the Heat Pump

When: Saturday, Apr. 22 at 10 a.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church
In celebration of Earth Day, join us for an in-person presentation by Haliburton resident Gord Jones, retired Heat, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Tech and instructor at Mohawk College. For more information contact Terry Moore, tmoore7031@gmail.com, 705-306-9254.

Haliburton Highlands Paddlers' Open House

When: Sunday April 23, 1:30 to 3 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion
Do you enjoy paddling? Love connecting with new friends? Always wondered about paddling a Dragon Boat? Join the Haliburton Highlands Paddlers' open house! You will learn all about our club and get excited about joining us on the water this season. Everyone is welcome. Visit haliburtonhighlandspaddlers.ca for more information.

The Western Chorus Frog – Learn and Listen

When: April 27, 7 p.m. Admission Free/Donations Welcome
Where: Minden Cultural Centre
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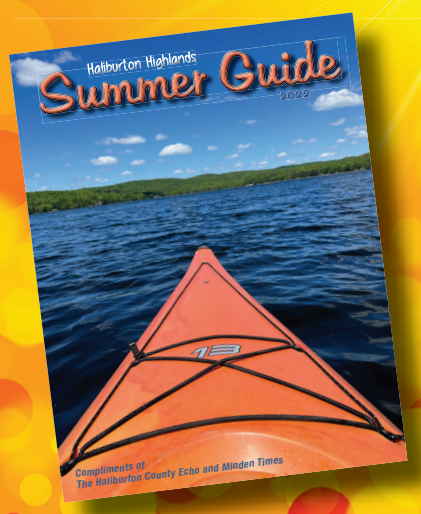

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Club room hours: Mon. 3 to 6 p.m., Tues. 3 to 9 p.m., Wed/Thurs. 3 to 6 p.m. Fri. 3 to 7 p.m. and Sat. 3 to 6 p.m.

Branch 636 Minden

Lunch - Monday to Friday
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Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.
Every other Friday: Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
Friday Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11a.m. to 2 p.m. and Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.
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Saturday All Day Breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with three Meat draws at 11 a.m.
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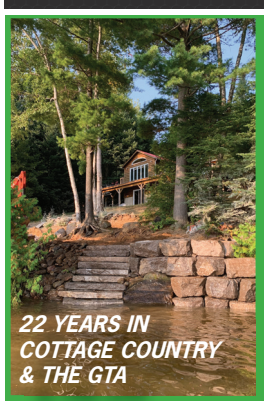

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16 hour proposal

Board firm on 24 hour emergency

by Andrew Milne

Health board members said last week the board will face down pressure from the Ministry of Health (MOH) to reduce Minden Hospital's emergency hours.

Fireworks erupted briefly over the subject at the Thursday Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) board meeting, when a draft operating plan proposed operating the facility for 16 hours daily during the winter months.

Board sources close to Minden hospital say that plan would actually wind up killing Minden's facility altogether, since the group of physicians currently covering the wards are coming some distance to get here, and won't cover the operation if it's running less than 24 hours.

The plan in question — presented to the board by Extendicare Canada, which is expected to wind up with hands-on management of the facilities — must eventually be submitted to and be approved by the Ministry before the board can get approval to proceed with its hospital building project.

Extendicare representative Jack Penaligan confirmed, in response to board questioning, that the 16 hour proposal was drafted due to perceived pressure from the Ministry of Health (MOH) in that direction, and to the widely held belief that any further balking from either of the two ministry branches significantly involved in the project — those responsible for acute and for long term care — might wind up killing a project political officials say has to get going now or not at all.

Said Penaligan, "We can go ahead and submit it based on 24 hours — you can take your chances and do it that way. The danger of course is they will dig in their heels, lock up the project."

However, where previous such discussions at the board level have seen some difficult, divisive confrontations, this time around there seemed to be far less disagreement on the subject. Board members seemed rapidly to reach a general consensus that the hospital should continue to be operated 24 hours daily, at least for the immediate future, whatever the provincial ministry's opinion on the subject, and that anyone in the ministry having difficulty with the concept is simply going to have to get used to the idea.

Though some board members suggested that the Ministry might merely require that they write a plan for 16 hour operation, then accept it if they were able to find the savings to run the facility for 24 hours, others — including board chair Hugh Nichol — responded that they suspected very strongly that if the plan were submitted for 16 hour operation, the provin-

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How sweet it is

Youngsters and adults alike got a sweet taste of spring this past weekend as the Highlands welcomed hundreds of visitors to the MapleFest celebration. Like many families, this group enjoyed the traditional maple taffy over snow at the Wintergreen Maple Bush near Gelert. The location is one of many throughout the Highlands open to visitors for the spring festival. MapleFest continues until Sunday.

Snowdon waste issue under investigation

by Andrew Milne

Complaints from landowners living adjacent to Snowdon's Irondale landfill site have touched off an investigation at the Ministry of the Environment and Energy.

The investigation follows on the heels of an MOEE decision to permit the township to accept a material known as 'shredder waste' at the site. The material is the non-metallic waste left over when derelict vehicles are scrapped.

Snowdon government sources say they have halted deliveries of the waste to the site pending further information as to how to proceed, though communications from the commission responsible for overseeing the complaint have suggested they might be within their rights to continue.

The landowners protesting the decision say they are angry with the process which is being followed, and that they have evidence the material is toxic.

The proceeding is formally a review of Ministry action with respect to the decision. However, the two landowners who lodged the complaint say they remain equally offended by the municipality's conduct in the affair.

Lee Jasper, one of the two men, says essentially that he feels the people who are supposed to represent the public on both sides have let them down — both at the Ministry level, and at the municipal level.

"There wasn't a free and open consultation," says Jasper. "It was clearly an attempt to use a back door scenario... I just ran across a copy of the Ontario EPA guidelines, and according to that information a public hearing is required if you're bringing in outside fill, in excess of the amount of garbage generated by 1,500 households. Well this is far beyond that... As to the ministry's role, the frustrating thing is we all pay tax dollars for this organization to assure us that we're not going to be polluted, and the environment is not going to be contaminated, and then when they don't do their job, well of course we're left with nothing."

Says Bill Powell, who owns property across the road from the site, "We're concerned about the process — the way they shoved it through — kind of behind the backs of the residents of the township for openers. That was a lot to do with it."

The township did circulate information to landowners, with property immediately adjacent to the site, telling them of the decision to accept the waste, but the letter, said local residents, reached most of them late in the week before the deadline for public

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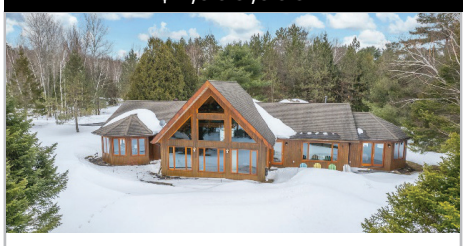

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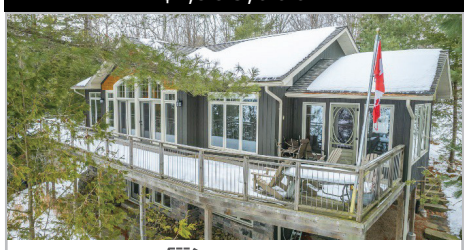

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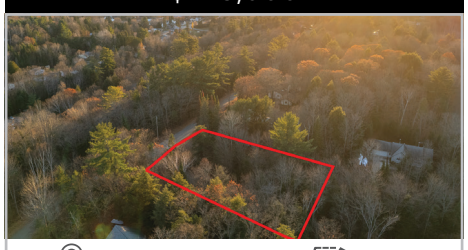

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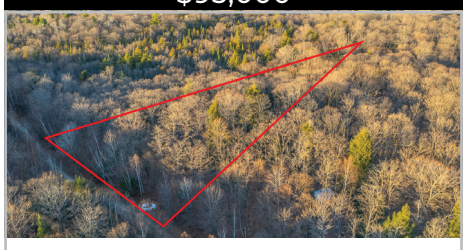

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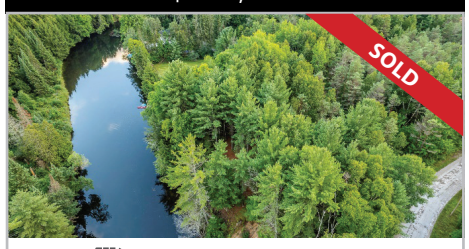

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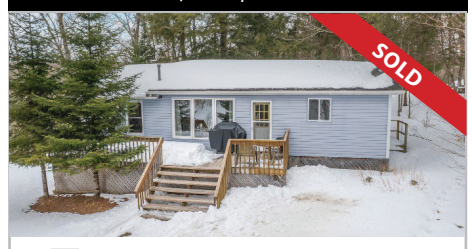

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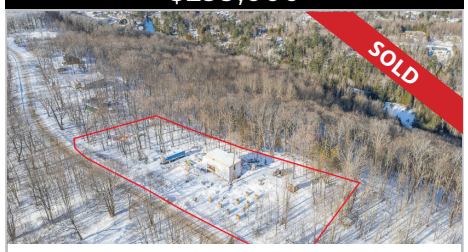

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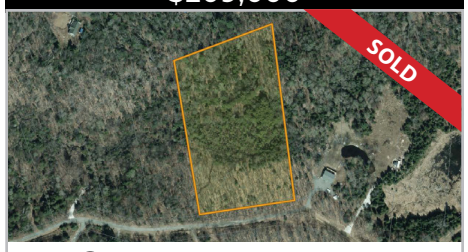

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